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SUBJECT: USSR Offer on Exchange of Patent Information

The Embassy has now received a reply to its note of May 7, 1958. A translation of the Soviet reply is given in Enclosure No. 1. Inasmuch as the Soviet Foreign Office note indicated that there was no objection to an Embassy Officer's meeting with appropriate Soviet officials, Second Secretary of Embassy Barnes called at the offices of the State Committee for Inventions and Discoveries on September 30. Mr. Barnes met with Mr. Karasev, a member of the State Committee, and with Mr. Zubov, the Director of the All-Union Patent Technical Library.

The Soviet side is prepared to begin the exchange at any time that is convenient for the United States Patent Office Library. They are agreeable to exchanging the Soviet "Byulleten' Izobretenii" for the "Official Gazette". In addition, they are willing to give three sets of the descriptions to Soviet authors' certificates and patents in exchange for one set of U.S. patent specifications, as proposed by the U.S. Patent Office. So far as back numbers of either the journals or the specifications are concerned, Mr. Zubov indicated that the Soviet side would prefer to get the exchange started and then subsequently work out some mutually agreeable solutions to the question of back numbers. In general, he said, there should be no problem of providing back issues of the "Byulleten'" or authors' certificates for the past year or so.

It was explained to Mr. Karasev and Mr. Zubov that the U.S. Patent Office was interested in inspecting some sample copies of Soviet authors' certificates and patents before finalizing an agreement on exchange. (Enclosed with this despatch as Enclosure No. 2 are the descriptions furnished with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' note of September 10. In addition, the Embassy is sending as Enclosure No. 3 several other documents furnished by the State Committee which are described below.) Mr. Barnes promised to inform Mr. Karasev and Mr. Zubov as soon as the Embassy learned what decision the U.S. Patent Office had reached on the exchange of patent materials.

Mr. Barnes took advantage of the occasion to raise some of the questions mentioned in A-145 of January 29, 1958, which were of interest to the U.S. Patent Office. The outline below follows that given in A-145:

State Dept. declassification & release instructions on file

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a. Text of patent and trademark laws

There are only two laws currently in force in the patent field.

1. A 1941 governmental decree on inventions and rationalizing suggestions. This decree is currently being revised and a new one is expected toward the end of this year. (See enclosure No. 3)

2. A 1942 instruction on the remuneration of inventors whose inventions have been applied in the national economy of the USSR. This instruction is likewise being reconsidered and a new one is expected toward the end of this year. (See enclosure No. 3)

b. Rules of practice

Covered in Item a above. In addition the Soviet Chamber of Commerce has published an instruction for foreigners on proper procedure to be followed in obtaining patents. (See Enclosure No. 3)

c. Regulations or schedule of fees

Covered by Item a above.

d. Journal or other periodical for the listing or abstracting of current issues and registrations

"Byulleten' Izobretenii"

e. Fiscal or statistical annual reports

No such reports are published.

f. Indices of names of inventors, registrants, titles of invention, etc.

There are published from time to time indices of the descriptions of inventions entered in the State Register of the USSR (Ukazateli Opisanii Izobretenii, Vnesennykh v Gosudarstvennyi Reestr SSSR). According to Mr. Zubov these indices go back as far as 1890 and include information on authors, titles of invention, class, sub-class, etc. He also mentioned that there are approximately 19 of them which are currently up to date. (Mr. Zubov subsequently called to say that he had no sample copy of an Ukazatel available, but that he would do his best to obtain a set if the exchange takes place.)

g. Index or manual of classification with definitions of classes and lists of patents by classes

Mr. Karasev stated that the Soviets make use of the German system of classification and that their index of classification ("Ukazatel' Klassov") is largely a translation from the German. (See Enclosure No. 3)

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h. Printed specifications and drawings

The descriptions of inventions and patents, copies of which are furnished in Enclosure No. 2.

Mr. Zubov has said his library would appreciate receiving a copy of the U.S. Patent Office's index of classes (corresponding to item g above). The Embassy would appreciate receiving a copy of this index for transmittal to Mr. Zubov. In addition, the Embassy would appreciate being informed of the U.S. Patent Office's decision regarding an exchange of patent materials.

For the Charge d'Affairs, a.i.,

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Second Secretary of Embassy

Enclosures:

As stated.

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